

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 55-72 are pending in the present application, Claims 55, 58, 60, 63, 65, and 68 having been amended, and Claims 70, 71, and 72 having been added. Support for the amendments to Claims 55, 58, 60, 63, 65, and 68 is found, for example, in previously presented Claim 57 and page 84, line 25 to page 87, line 16. Support for new Claims 70, 71, and 72 is found, for example, in Fig. 39 (and its corresponding description in the specification). Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 55, 60, and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention; Claims 55-69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention; and Claims 55-69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Jackson (U.S. Patent No. 5,960,444) in view of Schloss (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,844).

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of an interview extended to Applicant's representative on February 12, 2008. During the interview, the rejections noted in the outstanding Office Action were discussed. No agreement was reached pending the Examiner's further review when a response is filed.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 55, 60, and 65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claims 55, 60, and 65 are amended to more clearly describe and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. As indicated by amended Claims 55, 60, and 65, the names of the plurality of document data are changed to include the "name assigned to the first document data" and an "index." This modification is consistent

with what was discussed in the above-noted interview and is believed to overcome this ground of rejection.

Applicant's note that page 86, line 22 to page 87, line 3 states

As a result, the control part 116 creates, for the sections constituting the document, section names each consisting of the document name 'A' and an index, in accordance with the document name 'A' of this document, in S204. Specifically, for the section names 'a', 'b', 'c', . . . , 'A-1', 'A-2', 'A-3', . . . are created, respectively.

Amended Claims 55, 60, and 65 clearly describe and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded by Applicants as the invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of Claims 57, 62, and 67 renders the grounds of rejection pertaining to these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, moot.

With respect to the rejection of Claim 55 as unpatentable over Jackson in view of Schloss, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to Claim 55 overcomes this ground of rejection. Amended Claim 55 recites, *inter alia*, "a document name generating part configured to...rename the unique file names of the plurality of document data used to create the first document data so as to include the name assigned to the first document data and an index indicating an order of arrangement for the plurality of document data in the first document data." Schloss and Jackson, taken alone or in proper combination, do not disclose or suggest these elements of Claim 55.

In a non-limiting embodiment of the present invention, a file name is given when a file is created. A document is created by coupling together a plurality of files. The plurality of files are sections in the created document. When "coupling" the plurality of files, the name of the created document can be managed. However, when "decoupling" or separating a document into its' separate sections, the relationship between the respective section needs to

be managed. The invention defined by Claim 55 allows the names of the section (the plurality of files coupled together to form the document) to be managed.

Furthermore, the name created for the plurality of document data is advantageous in that it improves efficiency. By including an index in the name that indicates the order in which the plurality of document data are coupled together, it is possible to recreate the first document data if the first document data were to be decoupled and separated into its' component parts.¹

Jackson describes a software tool that allows users to combine a number of small documents and then to index the combined documents. Jackson describes that small documents are combined into a bookfile. However, the bookfile and the small documents are not named or renamed as described in Claim 55. The small documents are not given names that include the name of the book file and an index indicating an order of arrangement of the small document in the bookfile.

Col. 5, lines 51 of Jackson describes a file name “file1.” The index in “file1” does not indicate an order of arrangement for the plurality of document data in the first document data. In the invention defined by Claim 55, the index is not merely a random number. On the contrary, the index added to the file name indicates the order in which the plurality of document data are coupled together in order to create the claimed “first document data.”

Jackson describes that a file name of a small document in the bookfile is changed to an absolute Unix file name. For example, file name “file1” is changed to “<r><c>file1.”² However, Jackson does not disclose or suggest that the “1” in the file name indicates an order of arrangement of the small document in the bookfile.

Thus, Jackson does not disclose or suggest the claimed “a document name generating part configured to...rename the unique file names of the plurality of document data used to

¹ Specification, page 112, line 25 to page 113, linr6.

² Jackson, col. 5, lines 41-51.

create the first document data so as to include the name assigned to the first document data and an index indicating an order of arrangement for the plurality of document data in the first document data.”

Furthermore, Schloss does not cure the above-noted deficiencies in Jackson. Schloss does not disclose or suggest the claimed “a document name generating part configured to...rename the unique file names of the plurality of document data used to create the first document data so as to include the name assigned to the first document data and an index indicating an order of arrangement for the plurality of document data in the first document data.”

In view of the above-noted distinctions, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 55 (and any claims dependent thereon) patentably distinguish over Jackson and Schloss, taken alone or in proper combination. Claims 60 and 65, although of different statutory classes, also patentably distinguish over Jackson and Schloss, taken alone or in proper combination for at least the reasons stated above in regard to Claim 55.

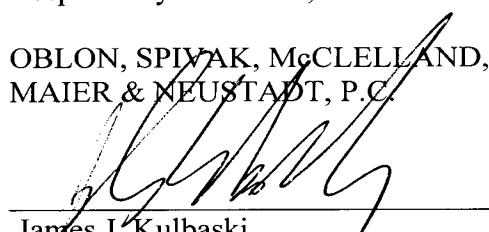
In view of the above-noted distinctions, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 55, 60, and 65 (and any claims dependent thereon) patentably distinguish over Jackson and Schloss, taken alone or in proper combination.

Moreover, new Claims 70-72 further patentably distinguish over Jackson and Schloss. The combination of Jackson and Schloss do not disclose or suggest the decomposing described in Claims 70-72.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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